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BUILDING LOVING COMMUNITIES.
ADVANCING YOUTH WELL-BEING

FY2026 IMPACT REPORT

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WELCOME.

But if it Was YOUR FAMILY Being TORN APART, you would care.
Stop Seperating Families!
Mis Padres Lucharon por mi futuro. Ahora yo Lucharé por el de ellos!
#Ahora La Mira

SOLUTIONS NOT SUSPENSIONS
Justice for Families
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Dr. John H. Jackson
President & CEO

Dear Partner,

How we invest our resources reveals what, and whom, we value.

At Schott, we believe young people are among our nation's greatest assets. More than that, we believe they are worthy of our love, not an abstract or sentimental love, but one expressed through action. The kind that invests. The kind that shares power and refuses to give up on a young person or their community.

That is the spirit behind this year's theme: **Multiplying Love.**

Today, young people are navigating extraordinary challenges to their health, learning, economic security, and sense of belonging. But beneath these challenges lies something even more fundamental. Across the country, young people are asking us a profound question: **Do we value their lives, well-being, and futures enough to create and maintain the conditions in which they can thrive?**

Throughout this report, you will see what that looks like in practice. You will hear from donors, advocates, educators, community leaders, and, most importantly, young people who are coming together to build communities where they can flourish. You will see how collective action, from local campaigns to national philanthropic initiatives, can transform what is possible when we align our resources, relationships, and hopes around a shared vision for young people.

Over 30 years as a philanthropic intermediary have taught us that **young people thrive when communities show they are loved by investing in systems that advance their well-being.** Communities where schools nurture both minds and humanity. Where health and safety are treated as foundations for growth. Where civic agency and economic opportunity are not determined by a young person's ZIP code. Where belonging is not something to be earned but something to be counted on.

For decades, Schott's work has been rooted in educational justice. Today, as we launch the next chapter of our work, we are building on that foundation with a broader commitment to advancing young people's well-being and life expectancy. We know that a young person's ability to learn is tied to feeling safe, supported, healthy, and valued. We also know that achieving better outcomes requires more than any single institution can provide.

Throughout this report, you will see what love looks like in practice.

That is the opportunity before us.

At its best, philanthropy does more than distribute resources. It builds relationships, strengthens movements, and creates the conditions for young people to thrive.

Together, we can build communities where every young person knows: **You matter. You belong. Your future is worth investing in. You are loved.**

Together, we can multiply love. With gratitude and blessings.

In solidarity,

John

Dr. John H. Jackson
President and CEO, Schott Foundation

MOBILIZING RESOURCES FOR LOVE

As a philanthropic intermediary, the Schott Foundation brings together donors to fuel community-led campaigns that drive systemic change and improve young people's well-being.

Partners invest in Schott to build a future in which every young person is healthy, educated, economically secure, technologically prepared, civically engaged, powerful, and thriving.

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MOBILIZING RESOURCES FOR LOVE:
VIDEO SPOTLIGHT

Hear firsthand from our partners and grantees in new videos that highlight their work:

Organizing for Systems Change

Intergenerational organizing to end corporal punishment in Mississippi

SCAN TO WATCH

Mobilizing parents and youth to keep students safe and in the classroom learning in New York

SCAN TO WATCH

Changing the Narrative

Testimonies of Love: Rose Crelli

SCAN TO WATCH

Public School Grad celebrates Oakland Tech

SCAN TO WATCH

Community Schools $1 Billion Win for California Students and Families

Contributor: Melissa Daar Carvajal

What these students in the video on the right are describing is youth well-being in action. It's what happens when schools become places where young people feel supported, connected, and able to flourish.

For years, students, families, educators and advocates across California have been organizing and winning state and local policies investing in youth well-being.

Watch the video

The California Youth Wellbeing Fund & Action Hub builds on this model to expand community-led efforts and achieve major wins like California's recent $1B investment in community schools. Community Schools became an early example of this approach.

When the campaign reached a critical moment, the Hub helped connect resources, partnerships, communications support, and community leadership to help move the work forward. Together, those efforts contributed to a new $1 billion annual public investment that will help support the well-being of students and communities across California.

Community Schools are one example of what becomes possible when philanthropy invests in community-led solutions.

The Hub is helping build a new model for advancing youth well-being, one rooted in partnership, shared purpose, and the belief that communities already hold the solutions.

To find out how you can support the California Youth Well-being Fund and Action Hub, contact programs@schottfoundation.org.

HEAL Together: Expanding Local Organizing, Building State Power, and Driving National Momentum

Contributor: Keisa Reynolds

HEAL Together is a national partnership between the Schott Foundation and Race Forward.

Over the past year, the HEAL network has focused on expanding local organizing under the Public School Strong campaign, which has strengthened state power and made waves nationally.

ICE Out, Safe Schools

Public School Strong's Safe Schools, ICE Out campaign helps communities turn public schools into centers of safety, care, and collective defense. PSS organizers across the country, including in Durham, North Carolina, Minneapolis, Minnesota, and Franklin Park, Illinois, are working to pass protective resolutions, train families to advocate before superintendents and school boards, defend student privacy, and create lasting community infrastructure that can mobilize when ICE threatens a student, parent, educator, or neighbor.

Kids Over Corporations

On May 1, 2026, public school educators were the majority of the 15,000+ attendees in a Kids Over Corporations march and rally in North Carolina's capital. It was the largest of the 5,000+ national May Day Strong Workers Over Billionaires rallies across the country, and one of the largest political rallies in North Carolina history. This monumental moment was made possible with the leadership of HEAL partner, North Carolina Association of Educators (NCAE)—with support of Public School Strong organizers and partners as well the civic engagement of families and community members across the state. Leading up to May Day, **over 7,300 people** across the United States pledged to take action with Public School Strong to demand our government puts kids over corporations.

In FY2026, HEAL increased subgrants to $800k to build local and state team capacity to fight for public education. The funding supported the work of the following organizations:

South Region

- Education Justice Alliance
- Center for Racial Equity in Education (CREED)
- We Are Down Home
- Kentucky Coalition
- Statewide Organizing for Community eMpowerment (Education for All)
- New Virginia Majority Education Fund

Midwest Region

- Honesty for Ohio Education
- Iowa Citizens for Community Improvement
- Michigan Education Justice Coalition
- TakeAction Minnesota Education Fund
- Kansas for All

West Region

- Great Education Colorado
- Alliance for a Just Society WA
- Save Our Schools Network – AZ

Northeast Region

- Engage New Hampshire
- Maine People's Resource Center

MOBILIZING RESOURCES FOR LOVE:
TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE ACCELERATOR

Building the Capacity of the Grassroots through Technical Assistance

Contributor: Darius Bartolomei

In June, Schott held the final Technical Assistance Accelerator meetings, both virtually and in person. The Accelerator provided critical training, expertise, and support to social justice partners at a time when many organizations are struggling to survive. Through this work, Schott goes beyond dollars, investing not only in partners' immediate efforts but also in their long-term organizational strength, capacity, and success.

Grantees reported improvements in fundraising, communications, and overall organizational growth. They also highlighted how coaching and technical assistance strengthened donor engagement strategies, fundraising planning, and board development. In addition, participants enhanced their communications capacity through support with storytelling, outreach, newsletters, and social media engagement.

The biggest takeaway was that the Accelerator's value extended beyond meeting a specific fundraising goal or completing a communications project. Participants described having a clearer sense of where to focus their time, what priorities to pursue, and how to embed these practices into their ongoing work.

A few of the impacts noted by grantees:

Alliance of Rhode Island Southeast Asians for Education (ARISE) exceeded its 401 GIVES goal, raising approximately $47,900 against a $45,000 goal, and said the campaign helped them better understand their donors and think more intentionally about stewardship.

Massachusetts Education Justice Alliance (MEJA) worked on making it easier to explain its coalition role and impact to funders and getting more focused on which fundraising opportunities to pursue.

Youth Advocacy Foundation (YAF) raised about $160,000 at its major fundraising event; while it fell short of its $250,000 goal, the experience gave it a much clearer picture of what worked, where it fell short, and the staff capacity needed to pull off the event.

Creating Loving Systems Across Communities to Provide All Students an Opportunity to Thrive

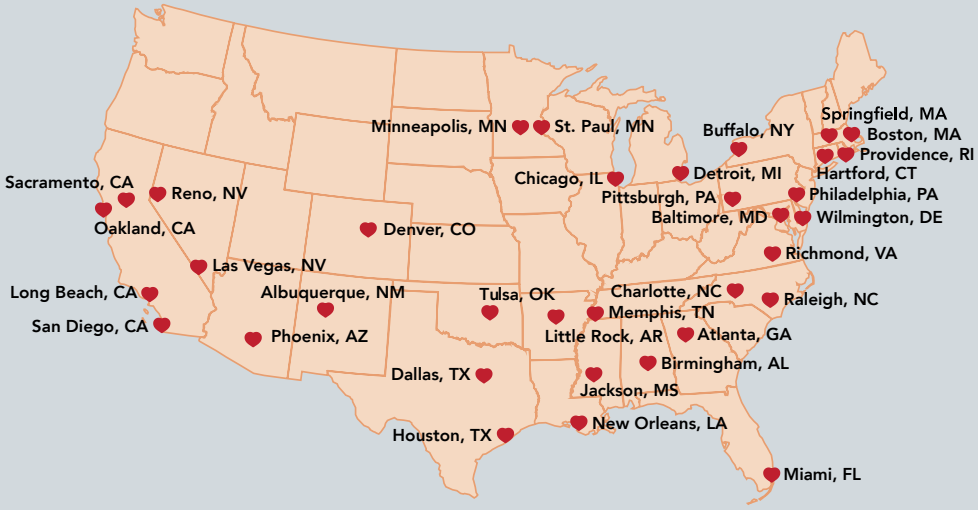
Contributor: Patrick St. John

Each day, students don't just bring their backpacks into the classroom: they bring their communities with them too. Decades of research have confirmed what young people, parents, and educators have always known: without the support children need outside the classroom, we can't expect them to reach their full potential inside the classroom.

One overarching question will define our next generation: do our cities love their children and families?

The Loving Cities Index, first launched in 2018, is a data-driven way to answer that question. Using 24 key indicators across four domains—from school funding and clean air to public park access and livable wages—the index provides an in-depth analysis of strengths and opportunities for improvement, along with a clear roadmap for the most urgent priorities.

Currently indexed cities:



MOBILIZING RESOURCES FOR LOVE:
POOLED FUNDING

Executives Alliance Fund

Investing in Young Men & Boys of Color to Increase Their Life Expectancy and Improve Their Life Outcomes

Contributor: Roland Kennedy, Jr.

Executives Alliance Fund, formerly the Executive Alliance for Boys & Men of Color, is a philanthropic pooled fund that invests in strategic campaigns, communications and narrative change, and convenings to address life expectancy and outcome challenges and opportunities for young men and boys of color.

In 2024, the Schott Foundation for Public Education assumed fiscal management of the Executives Alliance. In 2025, the foundation launched a new strategy for the Executives Alliance, EA 2.0, focused on life expectancy and outcomes; hired a new executive director; and invested in a series of grants to build a stronger data and research foundation for the new strategy.

Since January 2026, the Executives Alliance has invested in strategic campaigns and convenings:

CAMPAIGNS

November Prostate Cancer Awareness Campaign for Men of Color to address health disparities and communication gaps in prostate cancer testing, diagnosis, and awareness, which are leading causes of death and reduced life expectancy for men of color.

National Association of Black Male Educators campaign to ensure more Black male teachers enter the profession and to inform policymakers about the specific needs and systems required to support these efforts.

Repairers of the Breach Black Men's Organizing Corps to mobilize Black male voters across eleven states through a GOTV strategy and a service commitment to ensure they are organized to support new Black male voter engagement and to get to the polls.

The **Newborn** impact campaign to address solitary confinement and mental health challenges affecting Black boys and men, as well as their mothers and wives.

CONVENINGS

The Black Man Can House on Martha's Vineyard brought together 1,000 attendees from corporate, education, healthcare, nonprofit, state and federal policy makers, and other sectors to advance ideas and calls to action to improve life outcomes for Black boys and men.

Cities United 11 cities and counties listening tour focused on building new solutions and scaling proven solutions to reduce community violence in their jurisdictions and to share learnings at a national level centering Black young men and boys, community leaders, and creatives.

Hollywood & Mind will convene a coalition of actors, athletes, creators, philanthropists, and policymakers to address the mental health of Black young men and boys during the 2026 Congressional Black Caucus Annual Legislative Conference.

PARTNERS SPEAK

Hear from our philanthropic and grantee partners across the nation.

GEORGIA YOUTH JUSTICE COALITION AT THE GEORGIA STATE CAPITOL, APRIL 2026

MICHELE L. JAWANDO

CEO
Omidyar Network

"The Schott Foundation is driving real change for young people and communities of color across a spectrum of pressing issues, including preparing social justice leaders to understand AI and shape how it's built. Schott is building the connective tissue this movement needs, and Omidyar Network is proud to be their partner."

LA JUNE MONTGOMERY TABRON

President and CEO
W.K. Kellogg Foundation

"Creating lasting change in communities requires partners who know how to bring people together around a shared purpose. Schott Foundation is a trusted convener and partner, bringing philanthropy, community leaders and the next generation of changemakers together to invest in youth leadership and advance solutions that strengthen communities, expand opportunities for young people and improve youth well-being. We are grateful to be part of that shared commitment."

ISMANUELA DENIS

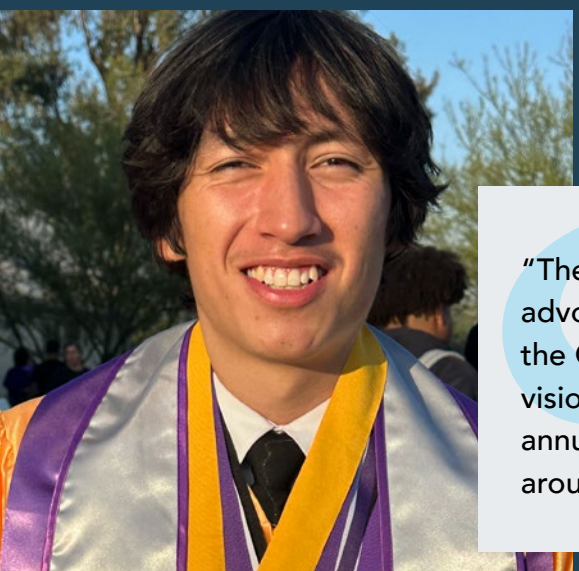
Program Officer
Annie E. Casey Foundation

"It is incredibly important that we maintain momentum to transform our education system and create meaningful opportunities for all students. Without community partners, their expertise, and a commitment to building their capacity in campaign strategy, our education system and society as a whole risk remaining stagnant, leaving root causes unaddressed and students' civil rights unmet. Strong partnerships, like Schott's, are essential to ensuring that we move toward a society where every child has an equal opportunity to receive a high-quality education."

LEON SMITH

Executive Director
Citizens for Juvenile Justice

"Schott is more than just a funder, they are a true partner in our work to transform systems to better meet the needs of our youth. Their support enables us to work on a statewide basis, supporting local action movements in pursuit of educational equity and fairness, and to mobilize and work with other organizations and partners to drive reform at the legislative level. They consistently uplift our research and public education campaigns. A true valuable partner in our efforts to ensure equal opportunity and justice for all young people."



OZZIE DOLAN

Student Organizer
Inland Congregations United for Change

"The Schott Foundation gave youth and families the opportunity to advocate with the California Partnership for the Future of Learning at the Capitol for community schools to become a permanent part of the vision for public education. That advocacy won $1 billion in ongoing annual funding so thousands more students will grow up in schools built around joyful and just learning."

TOMEKA HART WIGGINTON

President & CEO
United Way of the Mid-South
Schott Foundation Board Development Chair & Donor

Giving to the Schott Foundation is an investment in the promise, brilliance, and well-being of our young people. I give because I believe every young person deserves to know that their community sees them, values them, and believes in their ability to shape the future. That is what love looks like in action. My investment is love multiplied.

JENICE RAMIREZ

Co-Executive Director,
Education Justice Alliance

Schott Foundation has been a long-standing partner in our work to build a powerful, statewide movement for education justice in North Carolina. Schott's support has helped us strengthen our grassroots organizing, power-build with our communities across the state, and build the communications capacity needed to ensure that the experiences and leadership of Black, Brown, and directly impacted students and families shape the public narrative about education. Schott has invested not only in our organization, but in long-term power building in North Carolina.

REV. DR. STARSKY WILSON

President & CEO
Children's Defense Fund
Schott Foundation Board Member

Schott Foundation's trust with philanthropic and public policy organizations, like Children's Defense Fund, accelerates action for children and youth. On a challenging landscape, child advocates and movement leaders work hard to maintain proximity and build power in our communities. It's helpful to know Schott Foundation is cultivating relationship with foundations to shine light on this vital work.

OUR PARTNERS IN IMPACT

We are also grateful for the many individual donors who support our work year after year.

LOVE IN ACTION

Bringing resources, relationships, and collective action together to advance youth well-being.

At Schott, love becomes powerful when it becomes collective action.

In FY2026, Schott advanced its pivotal role as a bridge for donors to coalesce resources and impact communities. As a philanthropic intermediary, we collaborate with our donor partners to provide funding as well as other critical strategic resources and support to movement organizations and campaigns for youth well-being.

As a national public fund and movement-building organization, we seek to dramatically increase the capacity of advocates nationally and across 23 states with a specific focus on three regions: the Northeast, South, and West.

Schott Foundation pools and leverages funding to increase parent- and youth-led organizations' effectiveness, results, and impact at a scale larger than any individual contribution would allow.

In FY2026:

$6.2m
Dollars pooled from donor partners

116
Grants made

786
Technical assistance hours provided to grantees*

$3.3m
Grant dollars awarded

$55m Schott has moved over $55 million to grassroots organizations since its founding.

To see our financial statements, click here.

** Note: As Schott's fiscal year is July 1 to June 30, these figures reflect our grantmaking from July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026, captured in our FY2026 unaudited financial statement.*

COALESCING PHILANTHROPY

Shifting the philanthropic sector to build winning movements has meant venturing into uncharted territory, sharing discoveries and insights as we go.

Schott's donor partners also support these initiatives and research opportunities.

Sustainable Grantmaking Benchmark 19

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Love as Sustainable Funding for Grantees: The Benchmark is a Call-in to Grantmakers

Contributor: Melissa Daar Carvajal

The Sustainable Grantmaking Benchmark is Schott's pioneering initiative that helps foundations advance equity-centered grantmaking through greater transparency, multi-year support, and flexible funding. It provides a practical way to assess current practices, gain insights, and contribute to field-wide learning on what drives lasting change.

Schott is soliciting participation for the Benchmark's second cohort. Participation is simple, affordable, and scaled to grantmaking levels, making it easy for foundations of all sizes to engage, learn, and strengthen their impact. Learn more and register for an information session **here**.

Schott Foundation launched its inaugural Benchmark cohort of seven funders in January 2026. Since its release, it has engaged more than 2,000 users, generated over 15,000 engagements, and drawn sustained interest from a growing number of foundations interested in joining Cohort 2. See the Chronicle of Philanthropy's Alex Daniels'article, "New Rating Scale Grades Foundations on Grantmaking Practices, Not Grant Size," based on an interview with Schott's President and CEO, Dr. Jackson.

Dr. Jackson calls in funders, board members of grantmaking organizations, CEOs, and program officers, all invited to join the second Cohort and a movement of foundations and philanthropists committed to transparency, equity, and sustainability. Schott's goal is to sustainably resource the organizations closest to the work, challenges, and solutions, which is especially important to racial justice organizations.

RJ EE Racial Justice in Education Endowment

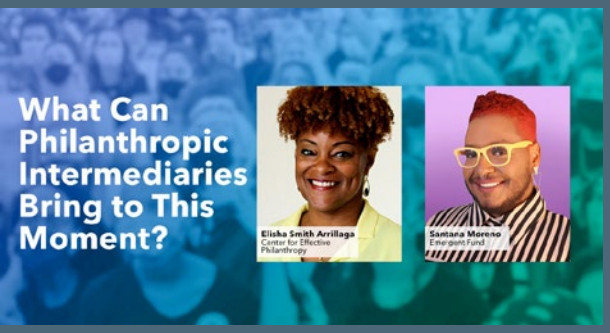
Endowments are one grantmaking strategy recognized by the Benchmark that helps organizations plan for the future effectively.

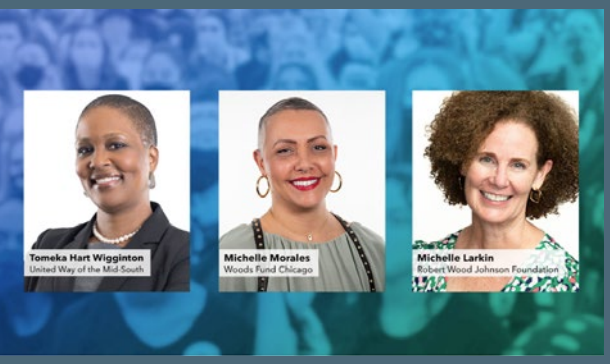
For this purpose, Schott has launched the **Racial Justice in Education Endowment Fund**: the first fund of its kind to raise capital for endowments to ensure the sustainability of BIPOC-led national education justice alliances.

PHILOS

a project of the schott foundation

Informing donor changemakers working to shift the sector to justice and equity through Schott's interview journal.





Recent Philos *interviewees*

Contributor: Patrick St. John

Through in-depth interviews with philanthropic leaders and innovators, alongside explorations of useful research for grantmakers, *Philos* is helping build a new consensus in the sector: one rooted in bold strategy, centered in communities, and focused on advancing racial equity.

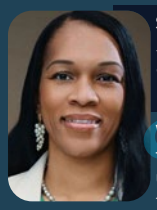
In FY2026, Philos contributors considered how to move beyond traditional grantmaking practices and what intermediaries can bring to this moment.

Subscribe here.

Here are the Schott team mottos for 2026:

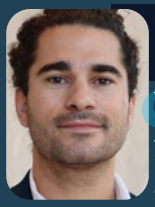
Dr. John H. Jackson
President & CEO

We're blessed with another 24 to make right what we didn't the day before.



Sabrina W. Horton
Senior Vice President of Partnership Engagement

We who believe in freedom cannot rest until it comes.
—Ella's Song



Darius Bartolomei
Programs & Grant Lead

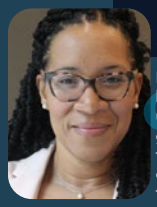
The true revolutionary is guided by a great feeling of love. It is impossible to think of a genuine revolutionary lacking this quality.
— Che Guevara

Melissa Clement
Partnership Engagement Manager

Rest is resistance.

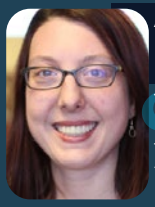
Melissa Daar Carvajal
Donor Communications & Marketing Director

Gotta dance.



Shawna Ellis
Executive Operations Manager

Ever since I was a child, I have had this instinctive urge for expansion and growth. To me, the function and duty of a quality human being is the sincere and honest development of one's potential.
— Bruce Lee



Andrea Garvey
Operations & Grants Manager

There is nothing new under the sun, but there are new suns.
— Octavia E. Butler

Toan Hang
Director of Finance & Operations

It always seems impossible until it's done.
— Nelson Mandela

Kayla Henderson-Wood
Communications Manager

AI could never replace all this!

Roland Kennedy, Jr.
Executive Director, Executives Alliance Fund

Life is what you make it, so make it great.

Lisa Michel
Strategy Manager & Operations Lead

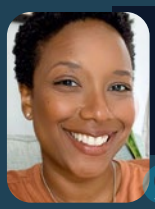
The pessimist complains about the wind; the optimist expects it to change; the realist adjusts the sails.
— William Arthur Ward

Shaniqua Rudd
Partnership Engagement Director

Real education means to inspire people to live more abundantly, to learn to begin with life as they find it and make it better.
— Dr. Carter G. Woodson

Patrick St. John
Narrative & Digital Campaign Director

Love is an action, never simply a feeling.
— bell hooks



Precious Waldron-López
Program and Campaign Officer, Education and Civic Engagement

Not everything that is faced can be changed, but nothing can be changed until it is faced.
— James Baldwin

Mike Woodward
Director, Education & Civic Engagement

Power without love is reckless and abusive; love without power is sentimental and anemic. Power at its best is love implementing the demands of justice, and justice at its best is power correcting everything that stands against love.
— Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Our donors and funders invest in the Schott Foundation to advance youth well-being and build a future where every young person knows they matter, belong, and are worthy of opportunity.

We can only do this with your help.

DONATE TODAY

To learn more about opportunities to partner with the Schott Foundation, please contact: partnerships@schottfoundation.org.

Afterword

Marc Philpart
Board Chair

When I think of Multiplying Love, I think about what becomes possible when people come together around a shared commitment to young people, families, and communities.

Throughout my career, I've seen *love multiplied* when the people closest to the challenges shape the solutions. Communities make that possibility real every day through organizing, leadership, and collective action. *Multiplying love* means philanthropy showing up not just when a crisis hits, but by investing in communities' long-term, sustainable power. Those beliefs are why I am proud to serve as Chair of Schott Foundation's Board of Directors.

At both Schott and the Black Freedom Fund, we understand that youth well-being requires more than responding to immediate needs. It requires investing in the people, relationships, and community power that create the conditions for young people to thrive.

Youth well-being happens when young people have lives filled with opportunity and promise. This well-being is connected to social connection, mental and physical health, AI and tech literacy, educational opportunity, economic mobility, healthy environments, and supportive communities. As we look to improve the well-being of our youth, we must improve the conditions that shape them holistically.

As a funder, I have seen how individual grants matter, but our collective investment can achieve something greater. Our collaboration allows us to effect change across sectors, moving from silos to collective action. It also means more patient capital and a shared commitment to long-term investment that can build and sustain community power and voice.

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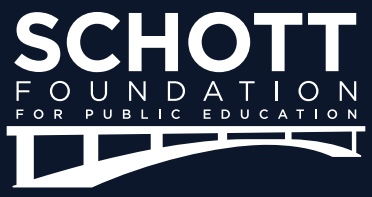
Schott is a national, Black-led intermediary that connects local leaders, communities, and funders to collaborate and sustain community-led policy change that advances youth well-being. Schott brings new ideas, strategies, and expertise that travel across state lines and regional boundaries. Through Schott's pooling of funds, it amplifies investments by consolidating efforts that otherwise would be siloed.

Multiplying love is what happens when we invest in the people and communities closest to the challenges and trust them to shape the future. Join us!

In partnership,

Marc

Marc Philpart
Chair, Schott Foundation Board of Directors



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